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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Tuesday	Comberton Café at the Village Hall
Every Tuesday	Table Tennis in Village Hall
Every Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30	Comberton Toddler Group at Village Hall
Every Wednesday evening	Tang Soo Do at Meridian School
1st and 3rd Sunday of each month	S.E.F at Comberton Baptist Church
Every Tuesday	Young Enterprise after school at Meridian School
1 st 2 nd and 4 th Monday Evenings at 7.00pm	Carpet Bowls at Village Hall.
4th Tuesday of each month at 8.00pm	at Village Hall Comberton Antiquarian Society

MARCH 2010

5th March	Opening of new buildings at CVC
5th March to 1st April	CVC 50th Anniversary Arts Festival
8th - 21st March	Cambridge Science Festival
10th March 7.30p.m.	Parish Council meeting at Village Hall
13th March 7.30p.m.	St Mary's Auction of Promises in the Village Hall
16th March	Auditions for 'Witness for the Prosecution' in Village Hall
19th March 7p.m	Barton Guides' Concert at Meridian School
18th, 19th, 20th March	Kiss Me Kate at Comberton Leisure Centre
24th to 27th March 8p.m.	'Natural Causes' in Barton Village Hall
27th March 10.30 to 12.00	St Mary's Church Easter Coffee Morning in Village Hall
29th March 6.30 to 9.30p.m.	Wildlife Monitoring at Barton Village Hall.

APRIL 2010

3rd April 10.30a.m.	Easter Fun at the Village Hall.
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MAY 2010

15th May 10.00 a.m.	Comberton Gardens and Allotments Plant Sale at Nursery School
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JUNE 2010

5th June	Comberton & Gardens visit to RHS Wisley.
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JULY 2010

10th & 11th July	Monday Studio
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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Although the back covers of the magazine are taken up to and including August, no-one has booked the front cover for April. I'm sure that someone wants to take this spot for their event. I await the stampede!

A great deal is happening in and around Comberton this month and next so there's a lot to be involved in and enjoy. The Cambridge Building Society is holding its annual village magazine competition this month and I am busy compiling our entry. I am also working on a new departure for the Contact, of which more next month. Snowdrops are showing so let's hope that spring is not far behind.



What were you reading in 1960?

**Please come into
Comberton Library and
tell us!**



The Library is 50 this year and we will be putting together a series of events and displays to celebrate the occasion.

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Ticket price will include a glass of wine or juice.

Please join us for what 'promises' to be an exciting evening.

This really will be a community event.

For further details or information on the current list of promises please visit the church website

www.combertonchurch.co.uk

I want to bid but I can't come on the night

You could ask a friend to bid for you. Alternatively sealed bids can be accepted if you are unable to attend on the

night. Please record the following on a piece of paper—your name & 'phone

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and your maximum bid. Then place this in an

envelope with the lot number written on the

outside. Please make sure these are handed to Mike Booker or Chris

Westgarth before the start of the auction. A "proxy" will then bid on your behalf up to your maximum bid.



'The small print' - Payment

Payment is preferred by cheque, but cash is also acceptable!

Please pay at the registration desk either during the interval or at the end of the evening. Please pay for all items you have won before leaving at the end of the evening. There will also be a quality raffle.

St Mary's Church, Comberton

Easter Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th March

10.30 – 12.00

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our annual garden visit will be on Saturday 5th June. This year we are returning to RHS Wisley. Tickets for travel and garden entry will be about £14. (Reduction for CA&GA Members.)

The Autumn Show will be on 18th September. The subjects for the photography are.

1. A Season in the Village.
2. The Bug.
3. Shadows.

Children's Class "A Day Out".

BARTON DRAMA GROUP'S SPRING PRODUCTION IS,
"NATURAL CAUSES",
a black comedy by Eric Chappell.

It will be performed in Barton Village Hall
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CAMBRIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY

Cambridge Choral Society are having a CHORAL GOSPEL WORKSHOP on Saturday 13th March 2010 from 10.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. at COMBERTON LEISURE PERFORMANCE HALL to be taken by the wonderful KEN BURTON. He is well known as the Principal Conductor of the award winning London Adventist Chorale and has appeared on television many times and performs worldwide.

Applications for tickets for this event: Adults £20.00, Students £5.00
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Tel: 01223 241965 (Answerphone)
email: l.rawlinson@imperial.ac.uk

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

Application forms can also be obtained on the choir website:
www.cambschoralsoc.org.uk

Do come along. It should be a fantastic day and it would be lovely to fill the hall.
Sue Allinson: 262990



MONDAY STUDIO

On the weekend of 10th and 11th July Monday Studio, a village art group, will be organising an Art and Craft exhibition in the Village Hall. We would like to invite other village people, or members of village-based groups, to join in with us to show off our combined skills in the arts and crafts world. This can be work in any medium and either amateur or professional. It is not necessary for the work to be for sale, but it would be expected that a percentage of any sale profits will go to the Village Hall funds. Please don't be shy, we know that there is a wealth of talent in the village; come and show us what you do working away in the spare room, at the dining table or closeted in the garage.

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BARTON GUIDES

The Barton Guides are planning to visit Switzerland in 2012, and are holding a concert to start the fundraising effort.

The 'Swiss Bliss' Concert will be held at the Meridian School in Comberton on Friday 19th March, from 7.00pm. to 9pm. A lively programme of music will be provided by the Comberton Cantabile choir, the local folk band, Ceol Galore, and the youth choir Ten Sing, who will be performing music and drama.

There will be both drama and camp fire songs from the Guides, and in the interval Easter crafts, home-made sweets and cakes will be on sale.

Tickets cost £6.00 for adults and £1.50 for school age children under 16, and include tea or coffee and biscuits. They can be obtained from any of the Barton Guides, Valerie Ridgman (01223 263889) in Barton, Liz Bland (01223 263040) in Comberton, or at the door on the night. Doors will open at 6.30pm.



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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 9 February 2010

PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Comberton Parish Council warmly invites any parishioner who would like to serve on the Parish Council to contact the Clerk to apply.

You should consider becoming a Parish Councillor if:

- You Want To Do More for Your Community
- You Want To Spend Your Time Productively
- You Can Think, Listen and Act Locally

Effort required:

TIME - As with most things, the more you put in, the more you (and your community) will get out. The Council employs a Clerk to support the Council in its work both at meetings and also between meetings.

Comberton Parish Council meet each month on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

All members are encouraged to take on an area of responsibility to help share the workload and to ensure that the Council maximises its efficiency. The Council has one committee (Planning) and several working groups which offer members a chance to use their skills and knowledge for maximum benefit or to review a matter in more depth before a decision is reached. Sometimes these Committees or Working Groups will meet in between the meetings of the full Parish Council.

COST - Being a Councillor should cost you little. There is usually cover for subsistence and travel allowances if your duties take you out of your local Council's area. These allowances will be within a maximum laid down by the Government.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please write to or email the Clerk. The Parish Council hope to fill the vacancy at the earliest opportunity.

Parish Council members contact details

Miss Chris Westgarth (Chairman)	85 Barton Road	263242
Dr Janet McCabe (Vice-Chairman)	3 Westcroft	263387
Miss Amanda Bacon	Arial View, 92B Swaynes Lane	264711
Mr John Cornell	16 Barrons Way	263566
Mr Ted Halford	69 Swaynes Lane	262531
Mr Andrew Hollick	73 Swaynes Lane	263089
Mrs Sandra Hyde	57 Long Road	262075
Mr Simon Moffat	86 Swaynes Lane	
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Churchwardens: Mr M.R. Evans 82 Green End Tel 263215
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Arrangements for **Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings** should be made with the Priest-in-Charge, Rev Mike Booker. Please also ring Mike if you have any needs which you would like remembered in prayer.

Services and Events at St Mary's in March

Sunday 7th	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 13th	AUCTION OF PROMISES - see main advertisement	
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Mothering Sunday family Communion
Sunday 21st	8.00am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at St Mary's
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th	9.30am	Palm Sunday Communion service
	3.30pm	Last Sunday Special - Celebrating Palm Sunday

Through Lent there will be a service of Compline at 7.30pm every Wednesday. As always, the church building is open all day every weekend, not only when there are services. Please feel free to come in at any time, to sit, pray, think or simply enjoy the quiet. We meet and pray especially for people in the village at Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 9.15am - everybody is welcome to ask for prayer, and to come and join the short service any Tuesday. Why not take one of these opportunities to be quiet and to be with God?

Don't miss the Auction of Promises on the evening of March 13th in the Village Hall.

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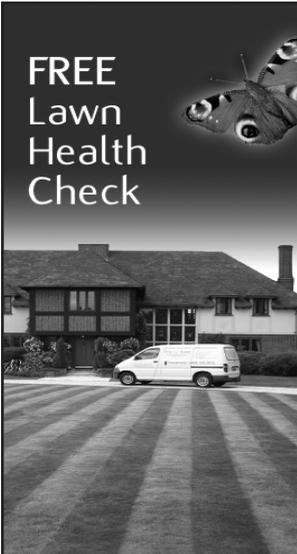
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9.30 am (Children's)

10.45 am (Sung)

12.15 pm (Polish)

5.00 pm (Folk)

6.15 pm (Latin)

Additional Services during Lent:- Each Friday, 7.30 pm stations of the Cross

After Wednesday's 12.15 Mass – Hunger Lunch –with proceeds for CAFOD

Tuesday March 30th 7.30 pm Penitential Service

Further details of these and all other services for March for the entire parish may be found on the parish website which also has the weekly newssheet and other parish information. www.olem.org.uk

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PARENTS WITH INFANTS: At CBC we want to make everyone feel welcome, this includes our youngest guests. We have a crèche available during the service where parents with young babies can go if their children become restless – there is also a monitor so you can see and hear and still feeling part of the service.



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE: The Lighthouse @ CBC are groups for children and young people aged 2-17 years. For the under 2's there is also a crèche available. S.E.F is a group for teenagers aged 14-17 which meets every Sunday evening. Here young people can make friends and explore their faith together.



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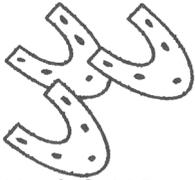
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This year we have decided to use Shakespeare throughout the school to enthuse children about drama, story-telling and writing. It is amazing how even the very youngest children can understand and retell in simple words the story of a Shakespeare play. For example, this week in a class assembly (a presentation for parents) some of our Year 1 children did a fantastic freeze-frame retelling of The Tempest (the little cloaks, headdresses and polystyrene swords only adding to the final effect). Meanwhile, older children have been studying Macbeth and, as part of their work, we took the whole of Key Stage 2 (140 children approx.) to see a production at the Corn Exchange by Shakespeare4Kidz. It was a wonderful performance, using a mixture of the original language and modern English, together with songs and dances, to create an unforgettable couple of hours. The children were mesmerised! I would also like to commend their behaviour, which was impeccable throughout the whole visit.

Parents are not immune from learning experiences at Meridian either! We have just organised a free 6-session course for parents called Keeping Up With the Children in Literacy. This is provided by Cambridge Regional College and takes place on the school premises. It helps parents to help their children by giving them some insights into how Literacy is taught at school these days. We've had a great take-up and hope to offer Maths later in the year.

Last month I promised I would let you know how you could take part in Earth



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Glennis Virgo
Headteacher

COMBERTON FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The talk this month was by Camsight in Cambridge, trying to convince us to visit an optician for a check on our eyes, whether we need it or not. It has been proved that eye disease could be 50% preventable if checked soon enough. Camsight also have about 800 items for sale on their premises to help with poor sight. They are also very helpful in their advice and in simply listening to customers.

COMBERTON WI

In February we held our Annual General Meeting which is a business meeting to look back at the past year and adopt accounts and elect a new committee. This was followed by cheese and wine. We have organised an excellent set of speakers for 2010 beginning with Eva Clarke, who will be talking about the Holocaust.

New members are always very welcome.

Date for Diary: Tuesday 9th March at 7.45p.m. in the Village Hall - Eva Clarke will speak about the Holocaust.

WATER AID

During his Gap Year our 19 year old grandson Jacob Warner, from Fulbourn, will be cycling across Africa to raise money for Water Aid. The journey from Nairobi to Cape Town, through seven different countries, a distance of 4,000 miles, will take over 2 months from 14th March to 15th May 2010. If you are interested in sponsoring him or just finding out more please look here:

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WILDLIFE MONITORING BY THE COUNTRYSIDE RESTORATION TRUST

Barton Village Hall, Monday 29th March. 6.30-9.30pm

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Programme

- 6.30 Presentation on Wildlife Monitoring at Lark Rise Farm
- 7.30 Bring and share meal (soup and cake will be provided)
- 8.30 Planning meeting for wildlife monitoring 2010

People may join us at any time during the evening as convenient but numbers limited. To get your free ticket in advance, or for more details, please contact Vince Lea, monitoring officer, CRT, Haslingfield Road, Barton, CB23 7AG, 01223 263962, vincelea@btinternet.com Any spare spaces will be available on the day.

LAWN CARE IN EARLY SPRING

Mowing

If conditions allow get out the mower and lightly cut the lawn. Make sure mower has been serviced and blade replaced or sharpened.

Fertiliser & Weed Control

This is the time to feed and weed (preferably in that order).

The fertiliser is predominately Nitrogen in a slow release form, but it may also need Phosphate and Potassium as well as vital trace elements. Once the weeds and grass are actively growing a selective herbicide to kill broad leaved weeds such as dandelions,

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Moss

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Actions required in Early Spring

- Mow lawn lightly when dry enough.
- Treat Moss
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NEW BEGINNINGS

Ground temperatures should have started to rise after the hard winter. Plants spurt into growth when the ground warms to 6°C. Nevertheless, even in early February I saw two clouds of midges, freshly hatched, rising from the lawn and backlit by the low afternoon sun against a dark hedge. What surprised me was the fact that there were two species: large midges swirling round about 2 feet from the ground and a larger cloud of tiny midges bouncing up and down 3 feet above the larger midges. Alas I did not have my field guide to identify them. Mid-February saw the birds pairing up; male and female reed buntings that were coming to the seed feeder independently during the winter are now an item. The female blackcap warbler that had probably migrated here for the winter will be returning back to Germany in mid-March. Our resident male pheasant, even with his distinct limp, is followed about by a harem of females. With all these signs of an approaching spring, it is time to consider what would be good for the garden this year.

Hard work needed

The frozen ground has prevented many gardeners from doing very much and as a consequence very little gardening has been done. Weeding will be necessary to clear the ground before the spring flowers start to show. Pruning should also be done soon when the forecasts suggest a period free from frost. The key thing is to take stock and decide how you want your garden to look in the summer. The heavy frosts may well have killed tenderish plants and these will need to be replaced. There is still time to plant new shrubs and roses. Remember to add a good supply of garden compost into the planting hole and water in the plants.

Planting plan

The problem with many gardeners, who like myself are always buying new plants, is that they forget where the plants have been put and tend to overplant with new material.

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FOUND

on Barton Road, Saturday 30th January, in ivy bush opposite Hines Lane, small brown bear with white tummy, nose and ears, pink paws, attached to large key ring (no keys). Would like to return home if his keeper could contact me:
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What will the Building be used for?

Not only will the building house Little Footsteps Children's Centre, it will become the home of Caldecote School's Out of School Club, offering a warm appropriate environment for the children who attend. Over the last two years the Out of School Club has proved to be an invaluable facility offering care for children before and after school. Its popularity has grown to the point that over 40 children now attend on a regular basis.

What will the Children's Centre Provide?

- Little Footsteps will open its door to families with children under the age of 5.
- Information to parents and carers about child minders, pre and nursery schools, Job Centre Plus, healthy eating and much more.
- A home visiting service, offering support to families.
- Parenting and family learning courses.
- Support for voluntary organisations, providing groups and services for the under 5's.
- A venue for child minders to receive training and support.
- A venue for Health professionals such as Health Visitors and Midwives, enabling them to provide their services in the community.
- Child focused provision in the other 12 villages within the Children's Centre's reach area

The Centre will be identifying the needs of its community and will endeavor to meet those needs.

What is the Centre already doing?

- The centre has temporary accommodation in Caldecote Village Hall and is open Wednesday & Thursday mornings 9.00 to 12.30.
- Recruiting staff to enable it to provide services
- In partnership with Comberton Baptist Church the Centre has helped to develop a, Bump's to Baby's group which has been well received by new parents on our community.
- The Centre has agreed to fund Caldecote baby and toddler group and has provided new equipment for the group.

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EXTRACTS FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILE UPDATE

Comberton Panel

February 2010

1. Introduction

Aim

The aim of the Neighbourhood profile update is to provide an overview of action taken since the last reporting period, identify ongoing and emerging crime and disorder issues, and provide recommendations for future priorities and activity in order to facilitate effective policing and partnership working in the area.

The document should be used to inform multi-agency neighbourhood panel meetings and neighbourhood policing teams, so that issues can be identified, effectively prioritised and partnership problem solving activity undertaken.

Methodology

This document was produced using the following data sources:

- Crime and Incident data from October 09 – December 09 and as a comparison data from July 09 – September 09 and October 08 – December 08.
- Information from Neighbourhood Policing Team January 2010.
- Community intelligence.

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2. Previous Priorities & Engagement Activity

Previous Priorities

At the neighbourhood panel meeting on 18th November 2009, the following issues were adopted as priorities. The tables below summarise action taken and the current situation regarding the priorities which were set:

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Action Taken	<p><u>South Cambs 'Day of Action'</u> Joint action by traffic officers, the local neighbourhood Policing team and South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) licensing staff.</p> <p><u>Results from ANPR van (Advanced Number Plate Recognition).</u> Comberton- Reads 641 Hits 4</p> <p><u>Over the last period</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ West Street Comberton- 2x speeding tickets. ▪ Hines Lane and Green End in Comberton- not suitable for enforcement. ▪ Barton, Comberton Rd and Haslingfield Rd, 6 visits of 45mins-1hour, 0 letters, 0 tickets. ▪ 67 Speeding tickets given in total.

Comberton Area Neighbourhood trends

Total crime across the Neighbourhood has remained stable compared to both the previous period and the same period last year.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) incident levels have decreased compared to the previous period, but increased compared to the same period last year.

3. Emerging Issues

4. Comberton Ward (Comberton).

- There were 13 offences in Comberton Ward in this period compared to 16 offences in the previous period and 7 offences in the same period last year.
- There were 3 dwelling burglaries in this period compared to no offences in the previous period and 1 offence in the same period last year. The three offences occurred over a week long period in December and offenders forced either windows or doors to gain entry to the properties.
- 'Theft from vehicle' offences have remained stable compared to the previous period (2 offences in each period) and compared to the same period last year (3 offences). In both offences the vehicles had been left insecure and items from within were stolen.
- ASB incidents have decreased from 12 incidents in the previous period to 4 incidents in this period. Incident levels have remained stable compared to the same period last year when there were 5 incidents. There were no patterns or trends in the ASB incidents which occurred during this period.

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 What are they and where can they be found?
 Discover just a couple and all should be revealed.

- Fred? Peter Sellers' character in "I'm all right Jack"
- Strap on hawk's leg goes round you I hear.
- George IV was such a prince.
- Robert? Commander of the Beagle during her 1831 circumnavigation with Charles Darwin aboard.
- Key sighed said to be the answer.
- Braunschweig?
- Stuart? an Aston Villa footballer.
- Borough of East New York City

What/where are we ?.....

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